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HOUSTON, TEXAS 77002

AUTOPSY REPORT

CASE 73 - 3376

August 14, 1973

PATHOLOGICAL DIAGNOSIS ON THE BODY  
OF

Raymond Stanley Blackburn  
4700 Blount Road  
Cypress Nook Trailer Park  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

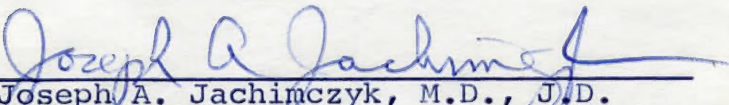
Asphyxia due to strangulation.

OPINION

It is our opinion that the decedent,  
Raymond Stanley Blackburn, came to  
his death as a result of asphyxia due  
to strangulation - Homicide.

It is our further opinion that death  
occurred on or about June 15, 1973.

COMMENT: The decedent was identified  
by his father, Robert Blackburn, Sr.,  
of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, by the notch  
on the tooth and also hypoplastic area  
of another tooth at 6:30 p.m. on  
August 15, 1973.

  
Joseph A. Jachimczyk, M.D., J.D.  
Chief Medical Examiner

## POSTMORTEM EXAMINATION ON THE BODY OF

Raymond Stanley Blackburn  
4700 Blount Road  
Cypress Nook Trailer Park  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

**HISTORY:** This unidentified white male body was found at approximately the same time that three other bodies were uncovered during the evening of August 9, 1973, near Lake Sam Rayburn in San Augustine County, Texas. One was identified as William Ray Lawrence. His body was not sent to the Harris County Morgue. The remaining three were sent to this morgue. (73-3376, 73-3377, and 73-3378.) The three bodies arrived at the Harris County Morgue at 1:00 p.m. on August 11, 1973.

**AUTOPSY:** The autopsy was performed by Chief Medical Examiner Joseph A. Jachimczyk, M.D., assisted by Assistant Medical Examiners Ethel E. Erickson, M.D., and G. Sheldon Green, M.D., and assisted by Dr. Paul G. Stimson, beginning at 4:30 p.m. on August 14, 1973, in the Harris County Morgue.

**SPECIMEN:** The body was submitted in a black crash bag and covered with abundant white embalmer's preservative powder. It weighed 115 pounds and measured 67 inches in overall length. The head was symmetrical and covered with dark brown hair, measuring up to 5 inches in length at the crown. Most of the hair was slipping. Postmortem X-rays of the entire body did not reveal the presence of any radio-opaque objects, such as bullets, or any other bony abnormalities. The facial features were no longer recognizable. Completely encircling the neck, there was a depression groove. There was a pre-existing Y-shaped autopsy incision which was extended. The thoracic and abdominal organs were in situ. There were no abdominal scars. There was postmortem shrinkage of the penis and testes. There was a small amount of pubic hair present. The apex of the heart was previously incised. The remaining portion weighed 100 grams. Most of the skin of the hands and fingers had postmortem sloughing. The lower extremities were intact. There were rope imprint marks over each of the knees. There were rope marks around each of the wrists. The back was intact. There was no perianal injury. The anal sphincter was dilated, but there was no discoloration or tearing present.

INTERNAL EXAMINATION: Section: Both the thoracic and abdominal viscera were in a moderately advanced stage of putrification. There were no other abnormalities. The appendix was long, thin, and stringy, and was attached to the tip of the cecum. All of the body surfaces and cavities emitted a very unpleasant aroma.

NECK ORGANS: The V-flap was reflected cephalad. The neck organs were removed en bloc. The hyoid bone was intact.

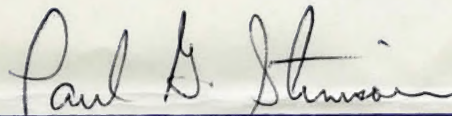
HEAD: The scalp was reflected in the usual coronal fashion. The calvarium was intact. The brain was semimush and weighed a total of 750 grams. There were no skull abnormalities.

DENTAL EXAMINATION

The teeth are charted according to the universal system. All four third molars are in their crypts. There is a notch in the incisal surface of the upper right central (#8). There is a hypoplastic defect on the buccal cusp of the lower right second bicuspid (#29). There are caries of the entire occlusal surface on the lower left second molar (#18). There is a mesial occlusal pit caries on the lower left first molar (#19). The lower right second molar (#31) has an occlusal caries over the entire crown. The jaw relationships are normal. The calculus deposits are moderate.

On August 15, 1973, Robert R. Blackburn, Sr., the father, stated that his son had polio at age 3 years. He identified the hypoplastic defect in the lower right second bicuspid. He also identified the notch in the upper right central incisor. This notch was due to a toothpick habit which his son had and was the result of many years wear due to this habit.

The identification occurred at 6:10 p.m. on August 15, 1973, at the Harris County Morgue. Raymond Stanley Blackburn was a white male, 20 years of age, who disappeared on or about June 15, 1973. Identification was made in the presence of Dr. Paul G. Stimson, Dr. Jachimczyk, Dr. Green, Detective Gamino, Homicide Division, Houston Police Department, and Mr. E. G. Knowles. Mr. Blackburn's home address is Cypress Nook Trailer Park, Trailer #26, Blount Road, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The mailing address is P.O. Box 53041, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.



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Paul G. Stimson, D.D.S., M.S.

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Decedent: Raymond Stanley Blackburn Race W Sex M Age 20  
Louisiana  
Address: 4700 Blount Road, Cypress Nook Trailer Park, Baton Rouge, /  
Death: FOUND August 9, 1973 Approx. Time 8:30 ~~X~~AM.  
P.M.  
Place of Death: 400 yards off F.M. 3185, San Augustine County, Texas  
Place of Inquest: 400 yards off F.M. 3185, San Augustine County, Texas  
Date and Time of Inquest: \_\_\_\_\_ A.M.  
P.M.

## Location, Position, and Surroundings of Body:

The decedent was lying face upward in a grave.

Clothing: The decedent was nude.

Information: St. Augustine County Sheriff's Department, St. Augustine County, Texas, Deputy Sheriff Richard Davis furnished the following information on August 11, 1973, at the Harris County Morgue, Houston, Texas. The decedent identified as Unknown #20 was found about 8:30 p.m. on August 9, 1973, when Elmer Wayne Henley (suspect in this case) led St. Augustine County Sheriff John Hoyt to a gravesite located about 300-350 yards south of the gravesite of William Ray Lawrence, near the above location. Henley identified the gravesite by several crossed sticks on top of the ground. Beneath the sticks was a thin layer of earth, under which there was a plyboard. Beneath the plyboard was a substance similar to lime, beneath which was a plastic covering into which the decedent had been rolled. The plastic bag was taped around with silver colored air conditioning tape. No lime was within the plastic bag. The decedent's wrists were bound with the air conditioning tape behind his back; a cord was around his neck tied in a hangman's noose; air conditioning tape was across the decedent's mouth and the ankles were taped together with the silver air conditioning tape. Scene photographs were taken by Department of Public Safety, Austin, Texas. The cord which was around the decedent's neck was tagged at the Harris County Morgue under "Unknown #20, Case 73-3376". Deputy Davis stated that Henley made the statement that one of the Unknowns #20, #21, or #22, could be a boy named "Garcia". (Over)

Property:

Transferred to Morgue by:

Funeral Home Conducting Service: Brown-McGehee Funeral Home, Bogalousa, Louisiana  
Removal - Varnado, Louisiana

H. C. Gregory

Case No.

Name

To

Date Out

73-3376 Raymond S. Blackburn  
Don Lambright 4-26-74

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D.C.

Rec: 4-26-74

73-3376

1. PLACE OF DEATH a. COUNTY <b>San Augustine</b>		2. USUAL RESIDENCE (Where deceased lived. If institution: residence before admission) a. STATE <b>Louisiana</b> b. COUNTY <b>East Baton Rouge Parish</b>	
b. CITY OR TOWN (If outside city limits, give precinct no.) <b>San Augustine</b>		c. CITY OR TOWN (If outside city limits, give precinct no.) <b>Baton Rouge</b>	
d. NAME OF (If not in hospital, give street address) HOSPITAL OR INSTITUTION <b>400 yds. off Farm Road 3185</b>		d. STREET ADDRESS (If rural, give location) <b>Cypress Nook Trailer Pk. 4700 Blount Road</b>	
e. IS PLACE OF DEATH INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		e. IS RESIDENCE INSIDE CITY LIMITS? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> f. IS RESIDENCE ON A FARM? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
3. NAME OF DECEASED (Type or print) <b>Raymond Stanley Blackburn</b>		4. DATE OF DEATH <b>Found 3-9-73</b>	
5. SEX <b>Male</b>	6. COLOR OR RACE <b>White</b>	7. Married <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Never Married <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/>	8. DATE OF BIRTH <b>April 2, 1953</b>
9. AGE (In years last birthday) <b>20</b>		10. USUAL OCCUPATION (Give kind of work done during most of working life, even if retired) <b>Floor Ceiling &amp; Tile Mechanic</b>	
11. BIRTHPLACE (State or foreign country) <b>United States</b>		12. CITIZEN OF WHAT COUNTRY? <b>United States</b>	
13. FATHER'S NAME <b>Robert Reed Blackburn Sr.</b>		14. MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME <b>Ruby ( Young ) Blackburn</b>	
15. WAS DECEASED EVER IN U.S. ARMED FORCES? (Yes, no, or unknown) (If yes, give war or dates of service) <b>No</b>		16. SOCIAL SECURITY NO. <b>587-42-0483</b>	
17. INFORMANT		INTERVAL BETWEEN ONSET AND DEATH	
18. CAUSE OF DEATH [Enter only one cause per line for (a), (b), and (c).] PART I. DEATH WAS CAUSED BY: IMMEDIATE CAUSE (a) <b>Asphyxia due to strangulation.</b> Conditions, if any, which gave rise to above cause (a), stating the underlying cause last. DUE TO (b) DUE TO (c) PART II. OTHER SIGNIFICANT CONDITIONS CONTRIBUTING TO DEATH BUT NOT RELATED TO THE TERMINAL DISEASE CONDITION GIVEN IN PART I(a)			
20a. ACCIDENT <input type="checkbox"/> SUICIDE <input type="checkbox"/> HOMICIDE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		20b. DESCRIBE HOW INJURY OCCURRED. (Enter nature of injury in Part I or Part II of Item 18.) <b>Strangled.</b>	
20c. TIME OF INJURY Hour <b>found</b> Day Year a.m. <b>8</b> p.m. <b>9</b> <b>73</b>		20d. INJURY OCCURRED WHILE AT WORK <input type="checkbox"/> NOT WHILE AT WORK <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Farm Road 3185 (found)</b>	
20e. PLACE OF INJURY (e.g., in or about home, farm, factory, street, office building, etc.) <b>San Augustine</b>		20f. CITY, TOWN, OR LOCATION <b>San Augustine Texas</b>	
21. I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from <b>found</b> to <b>19</b> and last saw the deceased alive from autopsy findings. 19. Death occurred at <b>8-9-73</b> on the date stated above, and to the best of my knowledge, from the causes stated.		22a. SIGNATURE <b>Joseph A. Jachinczyk, M.D.</b>	
22b. ADDRESS <b>209 Courthouse Houston, Texas</b>		22c. DATE SIGNED <b>11-15-73</b>	
23a. BURIAL, CREMATION, REMOVAL (Specify) <b>BURIAL</b>		23b. DATE <b>8-12-1973</b>	
23c. LOCATION (City, town, or county) (State) <b>Vanderbilt Vermado LA.</b>		23d. NAME OF CEMETERY OR CREMATORY <b>Memorial</b>	
23e. FUNERAL DIRECTOR'S SIGNATURE <b>Brown-McLester</b>		23f. REGISTRAR'S SIGNATURE <b>Brown-McLester</b>	
25a. REGISTRAR'S FILE NO. <b>13073</b>		25b. DATE REC'D BY LOCAL REGISTRAR	

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH - BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS

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IF DECEASED SERVED IN U.S. ARMED FORCES, FILL OUT THE FOLLOWING:

Is the deceased reported to have been in such service?
Name of organization in which service was rendered?
Serial number of discharge papers or adjusted service certificate?
Name of next of kin or of next friend?
Post Office Address?

IF DECEASED WAS MARRIED, FILL OUT THE FOLLOWING:

Name of husband or wife <b>Myrtis <sup>a</sup> arie (Hillhouse) Blackburn</b>	Age in years <b>19</b>
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IF DECEASED IS AN UNIDENTIFIED PERSON, FILL OUT THE FOLLOWING:

Color of Hair?	Color of Eyes?	Height? Ft.      In.	Weight?
Deformities?	Tattoo Marks?		
Other marks of identification?			

AMITE, LA. — 748-3331

COVINGTON, LA — 892-3116

KENTWOOD, LA — 229-3331

FRANKLINTON, LA. — 839-2896



**Brown-McGehee, Inc.**

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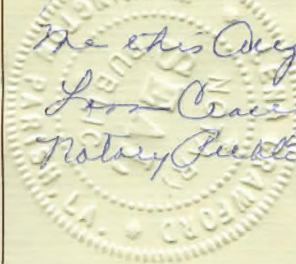
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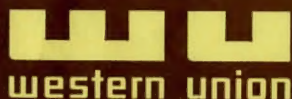
County Morgue  
Ben Taub Hospital  
1502 Outer Belt Drive  
Huston, Texas

I hereby authorize Brown-McGehee, Inc. of Bogalusa, Louisiana to  
pick up the remains of my son, Raymond Stanley Blackburn.

*Robert R. Blackburn Sr.*  
Robert R. Blackburn Sr.

*Seen and submitted before  
me this August 17-1973  
L. Craig  
Notary Public*





# Telegram

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PMS COUNTY MORGUE BENTAUB HOSPITAL, DLY PAID

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I, HEREBY, AUTHORIZE BROWN-MCGEHEE INC BOGALUSA LA TO PICK UP  
THE REMAINS OF MY SON, RAYMOND STANLEY BLACKBURN

ROBERT R BLACKBURN SR

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